

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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First Named Inventor : Hisaya SHIMIZU, *et al.*  
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Title : Vehicle Drive Train Unit and Vehicle Drive Train  
System

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being concurrently filed with a Request for Continued Examination. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 18, 2007. The response due date, extended one month, is May 18, 2007.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.